Decline in LPG production

701. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a fall in production of ONGC and GAIL created a deficit of 100,000 tonnes of LPG in April-May, 2005;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the regular maintenance, shut downs of refineries created a shortage of 380,000 LPG in April-May 2005, and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to meet the huge shortage of LPG?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and b) The deficit (-) surplus (+) in LPG production from ONGC, GAIL and Refineries during April-May, 2005 w.r.t. April-May, 2004 was as under:-

(Quantity in thousand metric tonnes)

Source	April-May, 2004	April-May, 2005	Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)
ONGC	179	174	(-) 5
GAIL	164	170	(+) 6
Refineries	945	841	(-) 104
Total	1,288	1,185	(-) 103

Lower production of LPG was due to maintenance shut down of some of units like fluidized catalytic cracking unit (FCCU) / crude distillation unit (CDU) etc., in Refineries.

(c) Indigenous production of LPG in the country is at present less than the demand and the deficit is met by imports.

Uniform price of ATF

702. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the price at which the Aviation Turbine Fuel (Jet Fuel) is available in the country, State-wise;